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### **SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on August 8, 2003, John Cornelio Norris, 12/27/52, of Tucson, AZ, was sentenced to 180 months incarceration by United States District Judge David C. Bury, in Tucson, Arizona.

John Cornelio Norris, a member of the Tohono O'Odham Indian Nation, had been indicted by a grand jury in January, 2001 and charged with three counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse.

In September, 2002, Norris was found guilty by a jury on all counts, after the evidence at trial established that Norris had repeatedly sexually molested a juvenile relative who was five (5) years old.

Finding that the defendant is "a serious threat to young people," the Court imposed a sentence of 180 months incarceration, to be followed by five years of supervised release with intensive supervision conditions, including registration as a sex offender.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Tohono O'Odham Police Department.

The prosecution was handled by Carin C. Duryeé and Lauren Anaya, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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